Minutes of CLAS Courses & Curriculum Committee Meeting

October 31, 2000

(Approved, Nov. 14th, 2000)

Present: Committee members, Thomas Bontly (Philosophy), Frank Costigliola (History), Arnie Dashefsky (Sociology), Norman Gray (Geology), Rob Henning (Psychology), Jane Knox (Chemistry), Gerald Leibowitz (Mathematics), Joceyln Linnekin (Anthropology), Jack Manning (English), Jim ODonnell (Marine Sciences; Chair), Thomas Terry (MCB), S. Van den Berg (Comm. Sci.), Veronica Makowsky (CLAS), Dean Hanink (Geography), Nalini Ravishanker (Statistics). Visitors, Eric Soulsby (Asst. to the Vice Chancellor), Ed Benson (Modern & Classical Languages), Roger Celestin (Modern & Classical Languages)

PRELIMINARIES AND PRESENTATIONS

1. The meeting was convened at 3:37 p.m.

2. The corrected minutes of 10 October were circulated and approved.

3. Editorial changes in the minutes of the 17 October meeting with regard to proposals 2001-29 and 2001-37 were suggested and the revised minutes were approved.
4. The minutes of the meeting of September 12th, 2000 were amended to correct an error in item 2001-007. Only one of the list of MATH courses was recommended.

5. Tom Terry presented and then withdrew a memorandum on Prerequisites.

6. Eric Soulsby discussed the present system that allows Prerequisites, Required Preparation, and Recommended Preparation designations for courses. His group is recommending that the Required Preparation designation be eliminated.

7. Veronica Makowsky will present a proposal on Prerequisites at the committee's next meeting.

OLD BUSINESS

2001-38 Change German 220, 221. Remained tabled.

2001-43 Change the Major in Biological Science. Approved.

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The requirements for the major in Biological Sciences are designed to ensure a sound and broad background in biology, with opportunities to explore related fields. Biological Sciences majors should take BIOL 107 and 108, but majors interested primarily in botany may wish to take BIOL 110 in addition or may substitute BIOL 110 for BIOL 108. Students wishing to complete this major must take at least 24 credits of 200's level courses from Biology: EEB, MCB, and PNB. It is strongly recommended that at least four courses include laboratory or field work. In addition to laboratory work associated directly with courses, Independent
Study (course #299 in any of the three biology departments) will provide majors with a means of gaining specific research experience. Courses chosen for the major must include at least one course or course sequence from each of the following three groups:

A. Biology: MCB 200, MCB 210, or MCB 213

B. Biology: EEB 244/244W or EEB 245/245W.

C. Biology: PNB 250, MCB 259, or PNB 274-275. (Note: PNB 274-275 must be taken in sequence to be counted towards the Biology major.)

2001-44  Add ANTH 2xx World Religions. Approved.

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ANTH 2xx World Religions, Either semester. Three credits.

A survey of religious belief systems, both polytheistic and monotheistic, from around the world.

2001-45  Add HIST 248 Topics in Legal History. Approved.

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HIST 248 U.S. Legal History

An introduction to legal reasoning through primary case materials and the Socratic classroom method. Topics include child custody, industrial development, and civil rights.


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250 Global Culture in French I. Either semester. Three credits. Recommended preparation: FREN 164 or 175 or three years of high school French or consent of instructor.

Intense study of oral French. Learning of oral techniques of communication in conjunction with weekly topics of conversation associated with various francophone cultures. Rigorous and active oral practice through dialogues, interviews, roundtables, and oral reports.

251 Global Culture in French II. Either semester. Three credits. Recommended preparation: Four years of high school French or French 250 or consent of instructor.

Extensive practice in oral French based mainly on authentic cultural materials. Emphasis on perfecting language skills for self expression and communication, on developing new vocabulary, and on recognizing and working with linguistic differences associated with various francophone cultures.


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The people and ideas that powered the growth of America's global empire. Emphasis on the world wars, the Cold War, the Vietnam War, intervention in Latin America, and the global economy.


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Race, class, gender, religion, politics, and economy in New England. Interpretations of the region’s culture from the 1600s through the 1800s. Introduces accessible primary sources and interpretive issues at public history sites.


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The legacy of Columbus, creative survival on native Americans in the face of disease and warfare, religious utopianism and the profit motive in colonization. The growth of a distinctive Anglo-American political culture, gender and family relations, and the entrenchment of a racial caste system.

2001-49 Change 248W Main Currents in American Law. Approved. (Note that changes to W courses requires Senate approval).

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HIST 248W Topics in U.S. Legal History. Either semester. Three credits.

An introduction to legal reasoning through primary case materials and the socratic classroom method. Topics include child custody, industrial development, and civil rights.


2001-51 Drop HIST 344 Viewpoints in American History. Approved.

2001-52 Change the Major in History. Approved
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(Introductory text stays the same, but changes being made to the Groups are as follows):

Group A -- Ancient, Medieval, and Early Modern


Group B -- Modern Europe


Group C -- United States


Group D -- Africa, Asia, Latin America, and Middle East


2001-53 Change the Minor in History. Approved.

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(Introductory text stays the same, but changes being made to the Groups are as follows):

Optional List of Courses

Group B -- Modern Europe: 203, 206 (SCI 206), 207, 208, 209 (HDFR 279), 225, 228, 229, 254, 256, 258, 259, 262, 264, 269, 270, 279, 291, 292, 293, 295W, 296, 297W, 298, 299, any graduate level History course. (NOTE: changes made are delete 226 and 267; add 270, 292, and 295W)


Group D -- Africa, Asia, Latin America, and Middle East: 204, 205, 221, 222, 223, 224, 226, 270, 275, 276, 277, 280, 281, 282, 283, 285, 286, 287, 288, 289, 290, 292, 293, 295, 296, 297W, 298, 299, any graduate level History course (NOTE: changes made are to add 221, 226, 270, 292, and 295)


2001-56 Drop COMS 347 Clinical Strategies and Communication Disorders. Passed.


Adjourned 5:15 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Frank Costigliola